

Heber's soggy streets bring flood of memories

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HEBER CITY — In a scene reminiscent of those in many Utah towns in the spring of '83, a sandbagged river runs down Heber City's Main Street.

The flooding occurred when plugged culverts on Main Street backed up water from Lake Creek.

Traffic was routed to the west side of the street, while the river on the east side provides entertainment for horseback-riding youths.

Some businesses can still find humor in the situation. A sign at a sporting goods store says "Raging Water Boat Rides Daily." A smaller, handlettered sign, next to cinderblocks and planks across the flooded sidewalk, reads "Toll Bridge."

A Wasatch County Public Works spokesman said things are calming down and the water level is receding. Culverts have been cleaned and canals dredged to relieve the flooding.

Gail Buehler, station foreman for the Department of Transportation in Heber, said, "We have been working at it now for four days. We've tried to unplug it, but flooding is still pretty heavy."

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Traffic is routed to the west of Main Street, while water on the east provides a horseback-riding opportunity.

In front of 1st Security Bank looking North

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The Utah Highway Patrol said Tuesday morning that flooding had gone down and the problem was pretty much under control, although the street was still barricaded.

Buehler said that when the water goes down, the culverts will have to be upgraded. "Everybody has got to work together to fix it. We've done all we can."

Timberline Ace Hardware and Sporting Goods took the brunt of the flooding. Lake Creek flows right under the store, and Monday only one employee was left inside to answer the phone. The rest were outside, sandbagging and dredging a canal.

"It is at least a foot all around the whole store, except for one side of

Main Street that is open," said Lynette Horner, a store employee. She said the store has had flooding problems for the past three or four years. This year, the basement of the store is full of water clear to the base floor.

"They should fix it and it should never really happen, but there are problems with the city, and they just don't get around to doing it. This is the worst."

Flood Season Over for 1986?

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Although there is still a little snow left in the high country, flooding should begin to subside immediately and be over for this year. In fact, Dennis Jensen, Recreational Forester for the U. S. Forest Service, thinks the peak has already come. He says that even though some rain fell in the mountains this last week, the cool weather helped slow the runoff. He reports that the weather service doesn't expect any precipitation during the next week so, Heber can expect to begin to dry out.

A few sidewalks broke up and cracked, and a few homes and businesses suffered minor damage, but other than that the second flood of the year has done very little property damage. Cooperation between volunteers, city, county and state employees, many of them working late into the night, many days in a row, is what has kept damage to a minimum. The main loss has been to businesses on Main Street which report significant financial losses because flood waters have blocked entrances into the stores, keeping customers away. A few had to shut their doors completely.

Main Street business owners met Monday morning to discuss the problem and pool ideas to prevent future devastation from floods. Although no one has a solution for eliminating flooding, some steps can be taken to control the waters and cut losses. All agreed that they needed to put pressure on local governments to make flood control a priority, even if other programs must be delayed. One idea is to reroute Lake Creek around the city, but past investigations into that possibility have shown the cost to be prohibitive. Another idea is to establish a pond at the east end of the valley which would collect debris and also hold water temporarily to help control the flow into the valley. Although it would help reduce flooding, water flowing across the valley would continue to pick up debris along its path, so it does not appear to be a total solution.

The problem is that snow melt has traveled across the Heber Valley ever since the first snow fell and will continue to flow across the asphalt and cement

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Heber Valley Bible Church Hosts Missionaries

Melissa Jones and Jinny Lynn Rogers were welcomed to Heber Valley by Pastor Bob Richards. Both Melissa and Jinny are students at the Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina.

Bob Jones University is an Interdenominational Fundamental Bible College with a four year curriculum program with an extensive range of courses. The

University has 6,000 students enrolled in their programs. The University holds the largest collection of Sacred Art in the United States.

Both Miss Jones and Miss Rogers along with three other members of the "Mission Team West" will travel through four western states which includes Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming.



WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY



Thursday, June 26
J.R. Smith School

Women's health care used to mean maternity care, which was for the most part, regulated by physicians and hospitals. Today, women take a more active role in their health, and they are much more knowledgeable about their complete health care needs. Finding answers to individual health care needs can be difficult, though, and it's hard to be sure the information is accurate.

Come find your answers and accurate information as Wasatch County Hospital presents WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY, with lectures that address the health concerns of women.

FREE LECTURES

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

IMPROVING FAMILY RELATIONS

Dr. Bill Marshall, Marriage and Family Therapist

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION - MAMMOGRAPHY

Judith Wilson, R.T.

OSTEOPOROSIS — WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Vicki McClelland, R.N.



After two weeks of warm weather the run-off from mountain snow covered Heber's Main Street as overloaded storm drains were unable to divert

the water. City and State crews placed sandbags the length of Main Street in an attempt to contain the raging torrent.



Perfect for picnics, parties or unexpected dinner guests. But BEST when Mom has a busy day!

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9 Pc. Box
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2 Pc Dinner
with Mashed Potatoes Sa

Chicken Strips
with Tartar Sauce

Cole Slaw or Potato